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SUBJ PRESIDENTIAL LETTER TO PM TRUDEAU

REF STATE 265536

1. LETTER CONTAINED REFTTEL DELIVERED BY POLCOUNS TO PM ADVISER IVAN HEAD AT 1230 NOVEMBER 10. AFTER READING LETTER, HEAD SAID HE WAS IMPRESSED, AND KNEW PM WOULD BE TOO, AT THE WARMTH AND CANDOR OF THE MESSAGE. HE WAS FULLY AWARE THAT US HAD DONE EVERYTHING THAT COULD BE DONE TO HAVE CANADA ADDED TO PARTICIPANTS. HE WAS ESPECIALLY GRATIFIED BY PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT THAT HE WILL INSIST THAT CANADA BE INVOLVED IN ANY FOLLOW-UP EFFORTS FLOWING FROM CONFERENCE. THIS WAS PRECISELY THE TACTIC GOC NOW INTENDED PURSUE, DESIGNED TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO FRANCE THAT THE RESTRAINT GOC HAD SHOWN WITH REGARD TO ATTENDANCE AT SUMMIT WOULD NOT BE EXTENDED TO FURTHER WORK OF THIS NATURE.

2. REFERRING TO PRESS REPORTS THAT EXTAFF SECSTATE MACEACHEN HAD TOLD REPORTERS THAT CANADA'S EXCLUSION FROM CONFERENCE "IS BOUND TO AFFECT RELATIONS" BETWEEN CANADA AND FRANCE "AND IT WON'T BE A FAVORABLE EFFECT", POLCOUNS INQUIRED IF GOC CONTEMPLATED ANYTHING SPECIFIC. HEAD REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, INDICATING THAT MACEACHEN HAD SOMEWHAT EXCEEDED GOC POLICY. AFTER LABORIOUS AND LENGTHY EFFORTS TO BRING CANADIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS BACK TO THE NORMALCY REPRESENTED BY RECENT

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PONIATOWSKI VISIT TO CANADA AND LAST YEAR'S TRUDEAU VISIT

TO PARIS, GOC WISHED AVOID PUBLIC DISPUTES. HOWEVER, GOC
WAS ANNOYED WITH FRANCE FOR ARROGATING TO ITSELF FOR
SECOND TIME IN A YEAR (FIRST BEING PRODUCER-CONSUMER CON-
FERENCE) THE RIGHT TO INSIST THAT IT ALONE IS COMPETENT
TO DECIDE WHO SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT BE INVOLVED IN
SUCH GATHERINGS.
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